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KNOWLEDGE IS THE EYE OF DESIRE AND CAN BECOME THE PILOT OF THE SOUL.

--WILL DURANT

DAYBREAK OVER 4 FREEDOMS PLAZA.

'BOUT TIME YOU GOT HERE, HOTSHOT.

YER ALMOST THE LAST TO SHOW.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT, BEN?

DON'T KNOW.

REED'S KEEPING HIS TRAP SHUT TILL EVERYONE IS HERE.

WHO ELSE IS COMING?

AIN'T YOU HEARD?

NO. JUST GOT THE MESSAGE FROM MY SERVICE...

... AND CAME A RUNNING, OR FLYING, IF YOU WILL.

JOHNNY, M'BOY, YOU AIN'T GONNA BELIEVE YER EYES!

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SEE FOR YOURSELF.
HOLY COW!
THIS IS WORSE THAN A SHRINER'S CONVENTION!
LOT NOISIER, TOO.
RICHARDS, I'M GETTING TIRED OF COOLING MY HEELS HERE...
I TOLD YOU, DR. BANNER, THAT THIS SITUATION IS TOO COMPLICATED TO GO INTO MORE THAN ONCE.
I'LL NOT START THE MEETING UNTIL ALL THE GUESTS HAVE ARRIVED!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST SETTLE DOWN, HULK?
CAP, WHY DON'T YOU--

YOU'RE FREE TO *LEAVE* ANYTIME YOU WISH, BRUCE.

BUT YOU'LL SURELY *REGRET* THAT CHOICE IF YOU OPT FOR IT.

YOU *THREATENING* ME, PENCIL NECK?

NO.

MERELY STATING AN *IRREFUTABLE* FACT.

I HAVE INFORMATION OF *STARTLING NATURE* TO SHARE.

IT'S NEWS THAT WILL AFFECT EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM.

YOURSELF INCLUDED.

EVERYONE IN THE *UNIVERSE.*

WHO STILL HASN'T SHOWN?

IRON MAN, WOLVERINE, HAWKEYE, AND *SPIDER-MAN.*

LIGHT-WEIGHTS!

OUGHT TO START WITHOUT THEM!

ELSEWHERE...

DIRECTLY PINPOINTING THE SOURCE OF THE *ENERGY EMISSIONS* APPEARS BEYOND EVEN *MY* INSTRUMENTATION.

IT APPEARS TO BE *CLOAKED* BY MYSTICAL MEANS, *KANG.*

SO IT WOULD SEEM, *DOOM,* BUT WE'LL *NOT* LET THAT STOP US.

SUCH A NEANDERTHAL.

PERHAPS IF WE APPROACH THE PROBLEM FROM THE *OPPOSITE DIRECTION.*

THE ENERGIES ARE BEING FUNNELED TO *MYRIAD SITES* THROUGHOUT THE HEAVENS.

MYRIAD?

THE POMPOUS FOOL.

YES. OBSERVE THIS *CHART* OF THE *GALAXY.* NOW IF I...

...SUPERIMPOSE THE LOCATION OF EVERY *RECEPTION POINT...*

THEY ARE *IDENTICAL!*

AND EACH STAR'S *PLANET* ALSO HAS A *SECONDARY RECEIVER.*

OF COURSE YOU *REALIZE* WHAT THIS *MEANS.*

THAT *EVERY MOMENT* COUNTS.

IF WE WISH TO WREST *POWER* FROM OUR *SECRET ADVERSARY...*

...WE MUST STRIKE BEFORE HE SOLIDIFIES HIS *OPERATIONAL* BASE.

EXACTLY.

MONSTER ISLAND.
HOME OF ADAM WARLOCK AND THE INFINITY WATCH.

AND I TELL YOU THAT I SPOKE *FACE TO FACE* WITH HIM!

WARLOCK, I SAW HIS *OPERATION* AND FELT HIS *MIGHT!*

THE MAGUS LIVES!

BUT I DESTROYED HIS TIME-LINE.

YOU, THANOS, SAW HIM FADE FROM EXISTENCE.

NONETHELESS, HE HAS RETURNED AND WITH AWESOME ENERGIES BEHIND HIM.

POWER ENOUGH TO ALTER THE FACE OF REALITY.

I THOUGHT I HAD PUT THE MAGUS'S EVIL BEHIND ME.

YOU OBVIOUSLY WERE MISTAKEN, WHICH IS WHY I HAVE COME TO YOU.

THIS TIME THE MAGUS'S PLAN IS TOO FAR ALONG AND COMPLEX FOR ME TO DISRUPT ALONE.

AND SO YOU WERE FORCED TO DIRECTLY ASK FOR MY AID?

NO TIME TO TRICK ME INTO JOINING FORCES WITH YOU AGAINST THE MAGUS, LIKE YOU DID THE LAST TIME..?*

SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

*SEE WARLOCK VOL. 2, #1-6, ON SALE NOW!

HIS DEFEAT CAN NOW ONLY BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH METAPHYSICAL MEANS AND WITH YOUR INVOLVEMENT.

AND WHAT IF I DON'T DEIGN TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS LITTLE DRAMA?

YOU KNOW YOU HAVE NO CHOICE, WARLOCK.

THE MAGUS IS PART OF YOU.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

IF I MIGHT MAKE A SUGGESTION...

GO AHEAD, MOON-DRAGON.

I COULD CONTACT THE AVENGERS FOR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.

THAT IS A TERRIBLE IDEA.

SINCE THE INFINITY GAUNTLET AFFAIR, I AM NOT OVERLY LOVED BY EARTH'S DEFENDERS.

IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE THEY LEARN NOT TO FEAR THE POWER OF THE INFINITY GEMS.

AND AS FOR THANOS...

THE AVENGERS WOULD ATTACK HIM BEFORE WE COULD EXPLAIN THE SITUATION.

SO LOSE, THANOS!

I FEAR HIS UNIQUE EXPERTISE MAY BE NEEDED IN THIS MATTER.

I DON'T TRUST PURPLE-PUSS!

YOU SHOULD, DRAX. THE DATA HE PRESENTED CLEARLY SHOWS HIM NOT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PERIL WE FACE.

LIKE IT OR NOT...

...FOR ONCE YOU AND THANOS ARE FIGHTING ON THE SAME SIDE.

OKAY. I SMASH THANOS LATER.

I CAN LIVE WITH THAT.

SO WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE?

WE NEED HARD INTELLIGENCE ON THE MAGUS.

ONLY THEN WILL WE BE ABLE TO DETERMINE HIS BATTLE STRATEGY...

...FIGURE OUT WHAT HIS END GOAL IS.

AND MAYBE LEARN WHAT'S HIS FAVORITE COLOR?

YOU ACTUALLY GAVE THIS CRETIN AN INFINITY GEM?

LATER, THANOS.

WHERE DO YOU PROPOSE WE OBTAIN THIS HARD INTELLIGENCE?

THERE IS ONLY ONE SOURCE I KNOW OF TO DEFINITIVELY HARVEST SUCH ESOTERIC INFORMATION.

TEA LEAVES?

THE SOURCE IS LIQUID AND CAN ONLY BE GAINED WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE.

YOU'RE KIDDING!

THANOS NEVER JESTS.

YOU SHALL USE THE SPACE GEM TO TRANSPORT US TO MISTRESS DEATH'S PALACE.

I SHALL GUIDE YOU.

DEATH'S PALACE?

ALL GOES AS YOU FORESAW, MASTER.

YOU PREDICT YOUR OPPONENT'S MOVES WITH AMAZING ACCURACY.

ALL ONE NEED DO IS LAY OUT THE APPROPRIATE BAIT, AND HUMAN NATURE DOES THE REST.

IT IS A GAME PLAN I CAN FIND NO FAULT WITH.

WHICH IS WHY I CHOSE YOU TO BE MY ASSISTANT.

IN ALL THE GALAXY, THERE IS NO GREATER SCHEMER THAN THANOS OF TITAN.

BUT WILL THIS ELABORATE WEAVE ENSNARE ADAM WARLOCK?

YOUR OTHER SELF IS SO UNPREDICTABLE.

OTHER SELF?

YOU MEAN MY SHADE, DON'T YOU?!

URGH!

YES...

YOUR SHADE.

NEVER FORGET THAT FACT.

DESPITE HIS VAUNTED REPUTATION, WARLOCK WILL ALSO FALL VICTIM TO MY GUILE AND CUNNING.

WHAT HAVE WE ON THE GALACTUS CONTINGENT?

THEY ARE APPROACHING EARTH'S TRANSFERAL RECEPTOR.

RUNNING A LITTLE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE...

BETTER SLOW THEM UP.

ENGAGE CLOAKING WAVE-LENGTHS.

DAMNATION!

I WAS JUST BREAKING THE SYSTEM'S DEFENSIVE CODING WHEN THE FREQUENCY CHANGED!

WE HAVE COMPANY, KANG.

THAT SHIP BELONGS TO GALACTUS!

I'M GUIDING OUR SHIP OVER TWO DIMENSIONAL PLANES.

LET US DISAPPEAR INTO CAVERNOUS DEPTHS, DOOM.

"I SENSE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE ABOUT TO WORK TO OUR ADVANTAGE."

NOVA, NORRIN RADD, SCOUT THE AREA FOR INTRUDERS.

I'VE LOCATED THE *RECEPTION RELAY* WITHIN THAT CAVE.

THAT *ENERGY FLUCTUATION* THE SCANNERS PICKED UP ON OUR WAY IN *CONCERNS ME.*

INVESTIGATE DIRECTLY.

DR. STRANGE?

THIS WAY, *SURFER.*

I MAY NEED *YOUR POWER* TO BACK ME UP IN HERE.

YOU HAVE IT, MY FRIEND.

LOOKS LIKE WHAT WE'RE HUNTING FOR IS JUST AROUND THE *NEXT BEND,* GUYS.

BY THE VISHANTI!?

WHAT IS IT?

I BELIEVE WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE MY ON-BOARDS WILL BE ABLE TO TRACK THESE EMISSIONS TO THEIR SOURCE.

BUT THE SIGNAL CONTINUES TO VARY IN WAVELENGTH.

AN ENERGY CONFIGURATION OF IMMENSE COMPLEXITY AND POWER!

ITS PURPOSE?

INDISCERNIBLE, BUT DEFINITELY MYSTICAL IN NATURE.

GALACTUS, ARE YOU PICKING THIS UP THROUGH YOUR EYE OF AGAMOTTO LINK-UP?

OF COURSE.

IT DOES NOT MATTER.

RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO THE CRAFT AND LET US BE OFF.

OUR CLOAKING SHIELDS CONCEALED US FROM EVEN THE SURFER'S ACUTE SENSES.

WERE YOU ABLE TO SLAP A TRACE BEAM ONTO GALACTUS'S SHIP?

OF COURSE.

NOW WE NEED ONLY FOLLOW HIM TO THE SOURCE OF THE POWER BROADCASTS.

LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!

SHORTLY.

I'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT IRON MAN AND HAWKEYE ARE ON THEIR WAY.

I'LL BEGIN ONCE THEY ARRIVE.

THIS BETTER BE WORTH WAITING FOR OR I'LL...

YEAH, BIG GET-TOGETHER AT THE 4 FREEDOMS PLAZA.

SUPRISED YOU DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT IT, SPIDEY.

I'VE BEEN KIND OF OUT OF TOUCH LATELY, HAWKEYE.

BUT RICHARDS MIGHT JUST BE THE GENT I SHOULD TALK TO.

SOMETHING REALLY WEIRD CAME DOWN LAST NIGHT.

THEN I'LL CATCH YOU THERE.

JERK.

WOULDN'T THINK TO OFFER A GUY A LIFT, WOULD YOU?

THE INFINITY WELL CHAMBER WITHIN THE PALACE OF MISTRESS DEATH.

TAKE HIS SOUL TO HELL WITH HIMSELF!

WHAT IS HIS WARNING ABOUT?

NO SOMETHING MIGHT WANT TO BE OUT

KARMIC BLAST. DISRUPTS THE ANIMA CENTERS

THE INFINITY WELL WHERE ALL THINGS CAN BE LEARNED IF ONE GAZES INTO ITS DEPTHS LONG ENOUGH.

ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS.

MOONDRAGON, KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR HIS DEATH.

ALREADY LOCKED ONTO HER

YOU SAY YOU CAN SPEAK WITH THIS WELL?

SIMPLY STIRRING ITS WATERS.

GREETINGS, LORD THANOS. HOW MAY I ASSIST YOU?

SHARE WITH ME ANY KNOWLEDGE YOU HAVE CONCERNING THE MAGUS.

NO SIMPLE REQUEST.

ONCE A TIME LINE EXISTED WHERE YOUR COMPANION, ADAM WARLOCK, EVENTUALLY BECOME THE MAGUS, A DARK AND OMINOUS CONQUEROR.

BUT HE WAS A CAESAR WITH A STRANGE TWIST.

"IN ORDER TO ASSURE HIS CONTROL OF THE FUTURE, HE RETURNED TO THE PAST TO CEMENT HIS BASE OF POWER.

"HIS MIGHT AND INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT HAD BEEN ASSURED HIS SUCCESS.

"A THOUSAND WORLDS DID HE CONQUER, AND ON THESE PLANETS HE ESTABLISHED THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH [illegible]UTH.

"HIS SUBJECTS WORSHIPPED HIM AS AN IRON-FISTED GOD.

"BUT [redacted] THE MAGUS BEGAN TO FEAR THAT HIS EXISTENCE IN THIS TIME FRAME MIGHT UPSET THE COURSE OF HIS OWN PAST LIFE.

"SO [redacted] BEGAN CAREFULLY ENGINEERING HIS OWN CREATION FROM THE ASHES OF ADAM WARLOCK'S DESTRUCTION.

"HIS ONE FATAL MISTAKE.

"FOR YOU, LORD THANOS, BECAME AWARE OF HIS DARK PLANS AND SOUGHT TO THWART THEM FOR REASONS OF YOUR OWN.

"WITH YOUR AID, WARLOCK WAS ABLE TO DESTROY THE TIME LINE FROM WHOSE LOINS THE MAGUS SPRANG.

"AND THE BASE EVIL THAT HAD BEEN THE MAGUS FADED FROM EXISTENCE, ONLY TO BE REMEMBERED BY A SELECT FEW."

HEY! WE ALREADY KNOW ALL THAT!

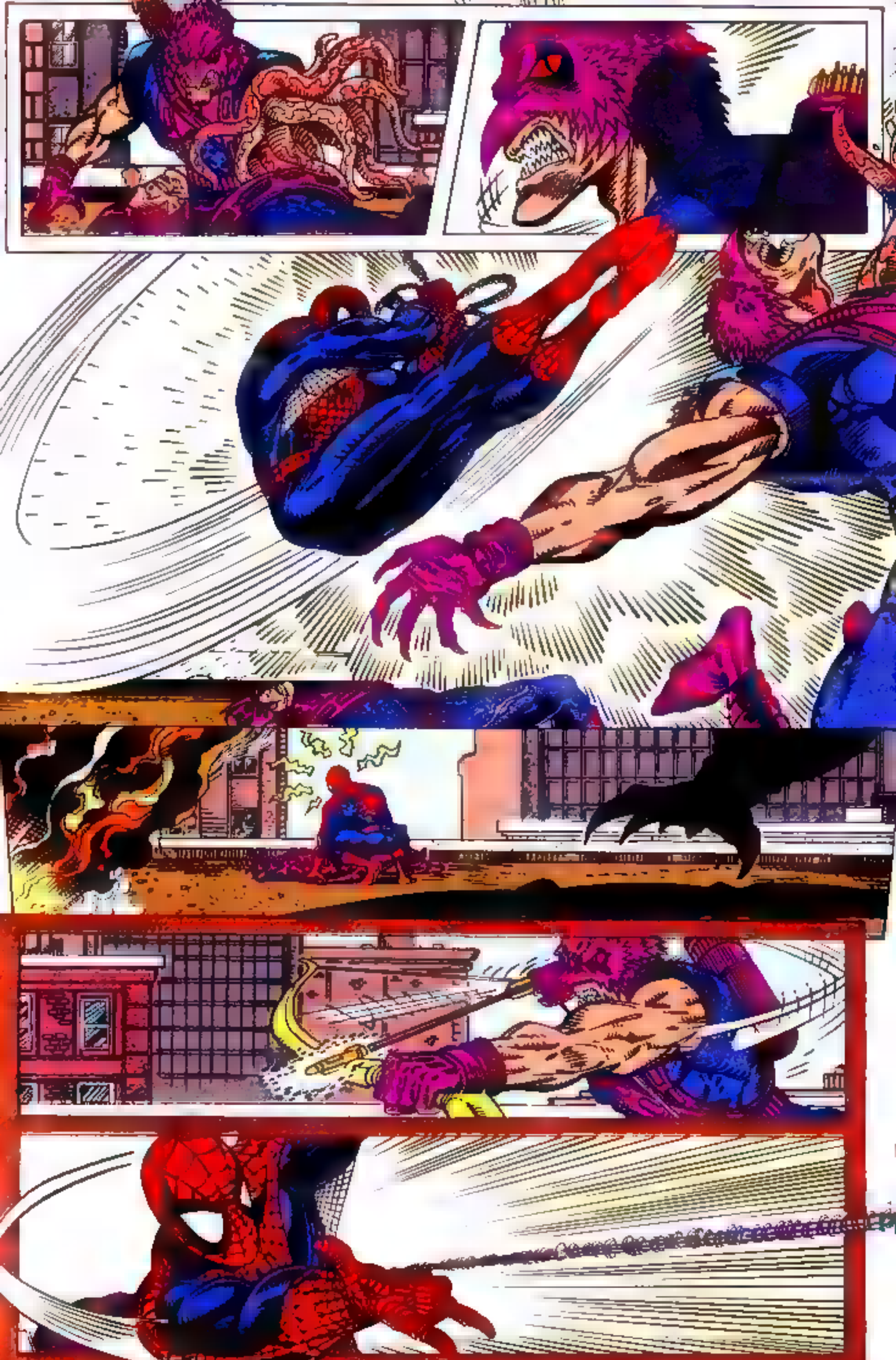
I DIDN'T...

LET'S GET ON TO SOME NEW STUFF!

PATIENCE, ANNOYING ONE.

I SHOT AN ARROW IN THE AIR.

WHERE IT LANDED, I KNOW NOT WHERE.



GOOD GOING, SPIDEY.

NOT GOING TO GET MANY ANSWERS FROM THAT BOGUS HAWKEYE NOW.

BUT THE MAGUS WAS NOT DESTINED TO REMAIN A FAINT MEMORY.

FOR YOU, LORD THANOS, DECIDED TO SEEK OUT THE INFINITY GEMS AND HARNESS THEIR AWESOME POWER.

"WITH THEM, YOU GAINED CONTROL OVER ALL TIME, SPACE, POWER, REALITY, THE MIND AND THE SOUL.

"YOU BECAME WHAT YOU CONSIDERED OMNIPOTENCE: GOD.

"BUT THE UNIVERSE CONSPIRED AGAINST YOUR REIGN AND EVENTUALLY PREVAILED.

"IN THE END, IT WAS ADAM WARLOCK WHO CAPTURED THE INFINITY GE[redacted].

"FOR A SHORT TIME, HE WAS THE END-ALL AND BE-ALL OF THIS REALITY, ITS MASTER.

"MIGHTY AND JEALOUS ETERNITY [redacted] CALLED BEFORE [redacted] LIVING TRIBUNAL, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ONE WHO IS ABOVE ALL.

"THE TRIBUNAL PARTIALLY RULED AGAINST WARLOCK, FORCING HIM TO FORSAKE HIS GODHOOD.

"THIS HE DID BY DIVIDING THE GEMS AMONG THOSE HE NOW CALLS THE INFINITY WATCH, AND ONE OTHER WHOM WARLOCK WISHES TO REMAIN NAMELESS."

"BUT LIKE YOU, LORD THANOS, WARLOCK WAS A FLAWED BEING, NOT WORTHY OF THE MANTLE OF SUPREMACY.

STILL OLD NEWS.

BUT WHAT NONE OF YOU IS AWARE OF IS THAT A DRAMATIC CHANGE TOOK PLACE IN ADAM WARLOCK DURING HIS TENURE AS THE ALMIGHTY.

CHANGE?

AS GOD, HE TRULY STROVE FOR PERFECTION IN ORDER TO SUITABLY CARRY OUT HIS DUTIES.

HE SUBCONSCIOUSLY FELT THAT ONLY PURE LOGIC WOULD ALLOW HIM TO SHOULDER HIS NEW-FOUND RESPONSIBILITIES PROPERLY.

NEITHER GOOD NOR EVIL WOULD BE PERMITTED TO CLOUD HIS JUDGMENT.

"SO BOTH WERE SUBCONSCIOUSLY AND TOTALLY EXPELLED FROM HIS BEING."

BUT THE DARKNESS THAT IS THE MAGUS WOULD NOT EASILY DIE.

NO GOOD OR EVIL WITHIN ME.

THAT EXPLAINS SO MUCH OF LATE.

"FROM WHAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PIECE TOGETHER, APPARENTLY THE MAGUS RE-INCORPORATED NEAR THE CROSSROADS LEADING TO SEVERAL STRANGE ACTUALITIES.

"REALITIES I AM NOT CERTAIN EXISTED BEFORE HIS RESURRECTION."

WHAT OCCURRED DURING HIS EXPLORATION OF THESE REALITIES I CAN ONLY SPECULATE ON.

FOR UNFATHOMABLE REASONS, I CAN ONLY OCCASIONALLY GAIN GLIMPSES INTO THESE REALMS

SOME ALL-SEEING ENTITY YOU GOT HERE, THANOS.

WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE MAGUS'S TIME ON THOSE PLANES?

ONLY WHAT HE WISHED ME TO SEE.

"SUCH AS THE FACT THAT HE ACQUIRED A MYSTERIOUS AND NEAR-INFINITE SOURCE OF POWER."

?

HE [redacted] THIS MIGHT FROM FIVE SEPARATE REALITIES.

FIVE?

ARE WE TALKING ABOUT OTHER-DIMENSIONAL INFINITY GEMS, PERHAPS?

NO, THE WAVE FREQUENCIES DIFFER.

THEN WHAT?

I CANNOT ANSWER THAT QUERY.

I BELIEVE THANOS'S CONTINGENT HAS GAINED ENOUGH INFORMATION FOR THE MOMENT, DON'T YOU?

MORE THAN ENOUGH.

THEN TRANSMIT A DISRUPTIVE HARMONIC INTO THANOS'S CLOAKING FREQUENCY.

THE TIME HAS COME FOR MISTREGS DEATH TO LEARN SHE HAS TRES-PASSERS ON THE PREMISES.

"HARMONICS TRANSMITTED, MASTER."

SPIDER-MAN AND HAWKEYE WON'T ■ JOINING US.

THEY HAVE BEEN UNAVOIDABLY DETAINED.

WE CAN BRIEF WOLVERINE LATER, OURSELVES.

EVERYONE'S GETTING RESTLESS--WE'D BEST GET STARTED.

VERY WELL. IF YOU'D ALL HAVE A SEAT, PLEASE.

'BOUT BLOODY TIME...

I SUMMONED YOU ALL HERE TO ALERT YOU TO AN INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED LAST NIGHT.

I WAS ■ THE MIDST OF SOME RATHER INTERESTING BUT DISTURBING RESEARCH WHEN THE INTRUDER ENTERED.

IN FACT, I NOW BELIEVE THAT IT WAS THIS RESEARCH THAT PROMPTED THE ATTACK.

MY ASSAILANT WAS ALSO NEARLY MY EXACT DOUBLE.

[redacted] BATTLED, AND I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BEST HIM, UNLUCKY ENOUGH TO KILL HIM.

THE BODY THEN MYSTERIOUSLY VANISHED BEFORE MY VERY EYES, LEAVING NO CLUE AS TO ITS ORIGIN.

I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THIS ONE BIT.

WERE YOU ABLE TO GET [redacted]Y SCIENTIFIC READINGS OFF THE INTRUDER BEFORE HE DISAPPEARED?

GOT ANY IDEA WHAT HIS GAME PLAN WAS?

YES, THE LAB SENSORS AUTOMATICALLY SCANNED MY ASSAILANT WHEN HE ENTERED THE ROOM.

AS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIS ATTACK...

...I'VE COME TO THE CONCLUSION HE CAME TO TAKE OVER MY EXISTENCE.

TO REPLACE ME.

WAS THE INTRUDER TRULY CAPABLE OF [redacted]UCH A FEAT?

YOUR POWERS ALONE...

THE TRESPASSER HAD AN EXTREMELY COMPLEX YET FLUID MOLECULAR STRUCTURE.

I BELIEVE HE COULD'VE BECOME ANYONE HE CHOSE.

HAS ANYONE ELSE EXPERIENCED ANYTHING SIMILAR TO THIS INCIDENT OF LATE?

I HAVE!

WOLVERINE!

HOW'D YA MANAGE T'GET IN HERE WITHOUT SETTIN' OFF A DOZEN ALARMS?!

I GOT MY WAYS.

THE MAGUS WANDERED FAR DOWN THE DIMENSIONAL CORRIDOR.

FROM THE CROSS-ROADS..?

HE FINALLY SELECTED A BA[redacted] REGION TO CALL HIS OWN.

"FROM A NEARBY DIMENSION HE GATHERED THE SOLDIERS OF HIS ARMY.

"THERE HE SET UP A FORTRESS FROM WHICH TO EXECUTE HIS ULTIMATE PLAN.

"THEN HE ALTERED THEM IN UNSPEAKABLE WAYS."

I BELIEVE I ENCOUNTERED ONE OF HIS SOLDIERS AND SAW HOW HE WAS CHANGED.

WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM HERE...

SINCE THEN, THE MAGUS HAS UNSUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT TO CONCEAL HIS ACTIVITIES FROM MY GAZE.

FEEL HER COMING...

THEN YOU KNOW WHAT THE MAGUS'S GOAL IS?

YES.

ADAM-- WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

MISTRESS DEATH, SHE--

DECIDED TO SNEAK IN THE BACK DOOR THIS MORNING.

FIGURED IT'D BE BETTER FOR MY HEALTH.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

YES, WOLVERINE. I THINK ALL PRESENT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

THOUGHT I'D BEST CHECK OUT THE PLAYERS BEFORE THROWING IN MY ANTE.

ARE YOU SAYING...

WANTED TO HEAR WHAT RICHARDS HAD TO SAY BEFORE SHOWING MY FACE.

HIS SPIEL SOUNDED PRETTY REASONABLE.

TOO BAD IT'S A PACK OF LIES.

THE DESTROYER RUNS FROM NO ONE!!

DRAX, YOU FOOL!

PIP! GET US OUT OF THIS MADNESS!

MY PLEASURE.

AND LOOK WHO'S WAITING TO GREET US.

YOUR FRIEND AND BENEFACTOR, THE HUMBLE MOLE MAN!

WOULD MISTRESS DEATH [redacted] TO KNOW WHAT THE MAGUS'S ULTIMATE GOAL [redacted]?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN LIES?

HOW CAN YOU TELL?

JUST THAT YOU AND RICHARDS HE[redacted] AIN'T THE REAL McCOYS.

CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR.

THE OL' SENSE OF SMELL.

IT NEVER FAILS ME.

JUST WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN PUTTING UP THAT NOSE OF YOURS, MUTIE?

MUTIE?

DIVIDE AND CONQUER, IS THAT IT?

I THINK IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS WHO THE IMPOSTOR REALLY IS AROUND HERE.

YOU MAY AS WELL GIVE IT UP, PAL.

HOW CAN WE TELL?

ALL THREE OF THEM LOOK AND SOUND THE SAME TO ME.

AND SMELL THE SAME, CAP.

CAN WOLVERINE'S OLFACTORY SENSE REALLY BE MORE SENSITIVE THAN MINE?

IF I'M AN IMPOSTOR, WHY WOULD I CALL THIS MEETING AND ALERT EVERYONE TO THE DANGER..?

GOOD POINT.

OR A VERY CLEVER MOVE.

I'M TELLING YOU FOLKS, THESE TWO BOZOS ARE FAKES.

THE NOSE KNOWS, HUH?

SURELY THERE MUST [redacted] SOME KIND OF TEST WE COULD RUN?

WHERE'S DR. STRANGE?

HE'S BIG IN THE SIXTH SENSE DEPARTMENT.

THAT'S RIGHT!

HE'S GOT THAT EYE OF AGAMOTTO. BET IT WOULD FERRET OUT A PHONY.

EYE OF WHAT?

DIDN'T IRON MAN TELL YA EARLIER THAT HE COULDN'T LOCATE DR. STRANGE TO INVITE HIM TO THIS MEETING?

HE SURE DID. VERY CONVEN-IENT.

YOUR MENTAL POWERS GETTING ANYTHING, PROFESSOR?

ONLY THE APPROPRIATE THOUGHT AND BRAIN-WAVE PATTERNS, JEAN.

IF ONE OR MORE OF THESE MEN ARE IMPOSTORS, I CANNOT DETECT IT.

PERHAPS NONE OF THEM IS.

WHO SENT YA?

BACK OFF, SHORTY!

MAJOR NUTTI-NESS.

EVERYBODY JUST SETTLE DOWN!

I SAY GO WITH WOLVERINE!

GOOD LORD!

MEANWHILE...

MOLE MAN, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE ONE OF THOSE LAND-LORDS THAT'S ALWAYS HANGING AROUND, ARE YOU?

NO, BUT I HAVE INFORMATION THAT I FELT YOU'D WISH TO KNOW OF IMMEDIATELY UPON YOUR RETURN.

WHAT INFORMATION?

REED RICHARDS HAS CALLED AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF ALL SO-CALLED SUPER HEROES ON EARTH.

HE CLAIMS THERE'S A MAJOR CRISIS BREWING.

SOMETHING THAT THREATENS THE SAFETY OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE.

TOO MUCH OF A COINCIDENCE.

I AGREE.

MOON-DRAGON.

ON MY WAY!

I KNOW, KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT ABOUT THANOS BEING INVOLVED.

PRECISELY.

HEY, TOOTS.

NEED A LIFT?

YES.

BUT IF YOU EVER AGAIN CALL ME TOOTS, I'LL DEEP FRY YOUR GRAY MATTER.

YOU TWO LOVEBIRDS HAVE FUN, Y'HEAR?

CATCH YOU GUYS LATER.

RICHARDS AND IRON MAN ARE THE IMPOSTORS!

KEEP THEM AWAY FROM THE PODIUM!

ACK!

CEASE YOUR FUTILE STRUGGLING, IMPOSTOR!

HEY! WATCH IT!!

HULK, NO!

LET GO OF ME!

GET OFF MY FOOT, YOU BLASTED IDIOT!

THAT TEARS IT!

SOMEBODY GIVE ME A HAND BACK HERE!!

IT'S A GAMMA BOMB!

DON'T SEE WHY WE DIDN'T JUST POP UP INSIDE 4 FREEDOMS PLAZA.

AND HAVE EVERYONE FREAK OUT AT OUR SUDDEN APPEARANCE?

NO THANKS.

FIRST I'LL CONTACT QUASAR, THEN--

OMIGOD!

SO MUCH FOR THAT IDEA.

BACK TO MONSTER ISLE?

YES.

ANOTHER MASTERFUL MOVE, SIRE!

ONE, I AM CERTAIN, THAT WILL SURPRISE EVEN YOU ONCE ITS FULL IMPACT IS REALIZED.

THIS GAME IS FAR FROM OVER.

IN FACT, THINGS ARE JUST BEGINNING TO GET INTERESTING!